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Hello Co-Chairs Senator Gerratana, Representative Johnson and members of the Public Health committee.

I am here today to ask for your consideration on bill HB-6519 AN ACT CONCERNING THE LABELING OF GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FOOD

I'm here to testify in behalf of this bill because I believe everyone has the right to know both what's in our food and the source of our food. The ingredients of all of our food already require labeling and this bill is just an extension of current practice. People just want full disclosure of the products they eat so they can decide if a given item is something they want to eat based on the labeling. As it stands now we do not know if the food we are about to eat is genetically engineered food. I want to know!

Not only is this a high priority for me personally, there are a number of my constituents that have also asked me to support this bill. I felt so strong about this issue that I submitted my own bill based on the bill submitted in last year's session but I believe this version HB-6519 is more comprehensive and should be adopted.

I don't require any more time to expand upon this matter, simply stated I'd like to know if the food I'm about to eat is a descendant of Dolly or any other manmade genetic experiment!

Sincerely,

Larry B. Butler

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